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GOVERNOR ESTABLISHES ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS LICENSE PLATE Proceeds from HB 2727 go to the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano today signed House Bill 2727, establishing a professional baseball club special license plate. Senate President Ken Bennett, Arizona Diamondbacks President Rich Dozer and Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation President Mike Kennedy also participated in the event. Part of the proceeds from the special plate will go to the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation.

"This public-private partnership benefits all Arizonans, especially Arizona children," Governor Napolitano said. "Since 1997, before the first game was ever played by the Diamondbacks, the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation has served Arizona communities."

The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation focuses on assisting homelessness, indigent healthcare and children's programs. Through its 'Diamonds Back' Field Building Program, 20 fields have been built in Arizona communities throughout the state. More than \$9 million dollars has been raised and donated to benefit Arizonans.

The professional baseball club special license plate will cost \$25, with \$17 donated to the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation and the remaining \$8 as an administration fee that goes into the State Highway Fund.

House Bill 2727 was sponsored by President Bennett and was originally signed May 19, 2006. It will become law September 21. Special license pates for fallen police officers and the White Mountain Apache Tribe were also approved through HB 2727.